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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RE U.S. AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY

1. BRITISH DEVELOPMENT DIVISION (EQUIVALENT OF U.S. AID) IN CARIBBEAN HAS ASKED FOR EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MAKERS OF U.S.-MADE HAND-OPERATED VEGETABLE SEEDING MACHINE WHICH, THEY CLAIM, IS SUPERIOR TO ANY OTHER TYPE MACHINERY OF THIS TYPE. ORIGINAL QUERY SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED INFORMATION CONCERNING A MACHINE KNOWN AS THE "PLANET JR." MADE BY S.L. ALLEN & CO., 5TH & GLENWOOD AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19140 (TEL 215-739-1400). BRITISH AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER WHO OVERSEES UK AID-FUNDED PROJECTS THROUGHOUT CARIBBEAN, ASSERTED THAT THIS WAS FINEST TYPE MACHINE AVAILABLE ANYWHERE AND THAT HE WANTED TO ADVISE FARMERS TO USE IT. ADDITIONALLY, HE SAID THAT HE HAD AT LEAST ONE DEALER INTERESTED IN AGENCY DISTRIBUTORSHIPS.

2. EMBOFF FOUND ALLEN CO. LISTED IN PAGE 48 OF TTOMAS' REGISTER 1974 A-2 VOLUME AND SUPPLIED ABOVE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER BUT BRITISH CALLER WAS ADVISED THAT ALLEN CO NOT AT THAT NUMBER AND THAT FURTHER, NO SUCH COMPANY WAS LISTED FOR PHILADELPHIA AREA.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF USDOC COULD ASCERTAIN CORRECT LOCATION OF S.L. ALLEN CO. OR ALTERNATIVELY, MAKERS OF SIMILAR EQUIPMENT AND HAVE THEM GET IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH INTERESTED PERSON: MR. J.F. WILLIAMS, AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER, BRITISH DEVELOPMENT DIVISION IN THE CARIBBEAN, CABLE: DEVDIV, BARBADOS; TELEX: WB 236 DEVDIV BAR;

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4. BRITISH DEVELOPMENT DIVISION IS ONE OF EMBASSY'S BEST CONTACTS
AND HAS PROVED TO BE RELIABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON ENTIRE
CARIBBEAN. SUCCESSFUL SUPPLY HAND SEEDER COULD CONCEIVABLE
LEAD TO FURTHER CONTACTS WITH U.S. MAKERS AND POSSIBLY RESULT
IN SALES ON WIDER SCOPE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF U.S. MACHINERY.
STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE TRY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS
CASE.

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